

REMARKS

Entry of this response and reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified patent application are respectfully requested. An advisory action was received on August 15, 2006. The present amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and therefore entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 10-20 were indicated as being allowable in the office action. Claims 21-33 previously were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 7-9 were rejected in the office action. Claim 17 has been canceled. Therefore, following entry of the present response, claims 7-16 and 18-20 will remain pending in the present application.

Formal drawings were filed with the application on July 11, 2003. Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the drawings as formal.

Claims 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,055,803 to Kraley *et al.* ("Kraley").

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 8 and 10-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 7 to include a portion of claim language previously included in allowed claim 8. In particular, applicants have amended claim 7 to include the feature of a "third winding." Applicants also have added claim language to amended claim 7 not previously included in allowed claim 8. Specifically, amended claim 7 now recites that "a voltage across the third winding defines a sense signal that is representative of the output of the power supply, and wherein the output is regulated based at least in part on the sense signal to provide a predetermined output voltage independent of the input voltage."

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While this specific language was not previously included in allowed claim 8, applicants believe that claim 7 is now in allowable condition over the cited art at least because Kraley does not recite a third winding that defines a sense signal that is representative of the output of the power supply, or that regulates the output to provide a predetermined output voltage independent of the input voltage.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) over Kraley.

Dependent claims 8-16 and 18-20 also have been amended to, *inter alia*, make a correction to the preamble from “power supply” to “electric energy meter,” and to accommodate the amendments made to independent claim 7.

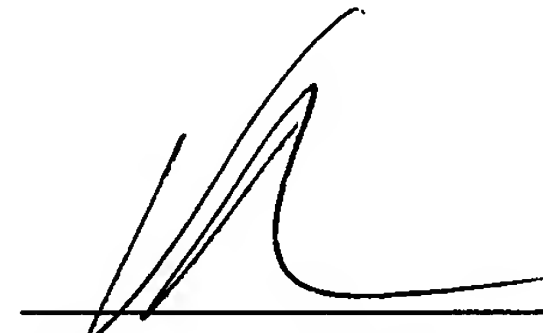
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Vincent J. Roccia at (215) 564-8946, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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